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SUBJECT: BAUXITE TALKS RECEDING

REF: PARAMARIBO 369 (NOTAL)

1. IT NOW SEEMS CERTAIN GOS WILL NOT BE IN POSITION OPEN TALKS WITH LOCAL BAUXITE COMPANIES ON NEW REVENUE ARRANGEMENTS UNTIL NEXT FALL, POSSIBLY AS LATE AS NOVEMBER. GOS HAS BEEN IMMERSSED UNTIL FEW DAYS AGO IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVT EMPLOYEES UNION (CLO) WHICH RESULTED IN AVERAGE 22 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE, AND NOW MUST PREPARE FOR IBA MEETING LIKELY CONVEENE GEORGETOWN NEXT MONTH OR OCT. (ANOTHER MAJOR DISTRACTION IS REALM CONFERENCE EARLY 1975, FOR WHICH PREPARATORY COMMISSIONS MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK BY DECEMBER.)

2. IBA SECGEN-DESIGNATE GUDA, SURALCO MANAGING DIRECTOR BUSTION AND REYNOLDS DIRECTOR WILLIAMS, (LATTER NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED) ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT GOS DOES NOT YET REALLY KNOW WHAT IT WANTS OF COMPANIES, EXCEPT THAT IT WANTS MORE. GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE, SAYS GUDA, WILL AFFORD GOS OPPORTUNITY GAIN

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ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE ON FORMULATION OF POSITION

PRIOR COMPANY TALKS. DIGESTION OF THIS WOULD FURTHER SERVE TO DELAY NEGOTIATIONS. CONTRIBUTING EVIDENCE OF GOS IRRESOLUTION IN RESPECT HOW AND WHEN TO PROCEED ON BAUXITE QUESTION IS IN DELAY BUSTION ENCOUNTERING IN OBTAINING PROMISED APPOINTMENT WITH MINPRESIDENT ARRON TO SET DATE OF GOVT-COMPANY TALKS. (BUSTION PLANNING BRIEF BUSINESS TRIP TO ALCOA HEADQUARTERS END OF AUGUST.)

3. MEANWHILE, SURALCO MOVING TO STEP UP BAUXITE SHIPMENTS WHILE CURRENT AGREEMENT STILL HOLDS. HEAVIER OCEAN-GOING TRAFFIC IN SURINAM RIVER IS ATTRIBUTED BY INTERESTED OBSERVERS, GUDA AMONG THEM, TO INCREASED SURALCO EXPORTS THOUGH BUSTION SPEAKS ONLY OF PLANS TO DO SO.
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